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SUBJECT: UNSYG WALDHEIM VISIT TO ATHENS- PUBLIC STATEMENTS

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1. SUMMARY: PM CARAMANLIS AND UNSYG WALDHEIM MADE BRIEF, ROUTINE STATEMENTS FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING IN ATHENS FEBRUARY 19. CARAMANLIS SAID NO POSITIVE RESULTS COULD BE EXPECTED FROM INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND CYPRUS SITUATION RAN RISK OF BEING CONVERTED INTO NEW PALESTINE. WALDHEIM UNDERScoreD IMPORTANCE OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ADDING THAT WHILE IN ANKARA HE HAD DISCUSSED CERTAIN ELEMENTS LINKED TO "A FRESH APPROACH IN NEGOTIATIONS." END SUMMARY.

2. DURING UNSYG WALDHEIM'S 14-HOUR STOPOVER IN ATHENS EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK HE CONFERRED WITH PM CARAMANLIS, FONMIN BITSIOS AND OTHERS. AFTER SUBSTANTIVE MEETING CONCLUDED, PM CARAMANLIS AND WALDHEIM MET WITH PRESS CORPS. CARAMANLIS CHARACTERIZED MEETING AS "INTERESTING, INFORMATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE." PM ADDED THAT HE DISCUSSED

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TURKISH PROCRASTINATION AT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND TURKEY'S

CONTINUED POLICY OF CREATING FAITS ACCOMPLIS WHICH PROMOTED GOC WITH GREEK SUPPORT TO BRING CYPRUS MATTER BEFORE SECURITY COUNCIL. CARAMANLIS SAID TURKEY WOULD BE CONDEMED BEFORE UNSC AND REQUEST WOULD BE MADE FOR TURKEY TO RESPECT UN DECISIONS WHICH TURKEY ITSELF HAD VOTED FOR. PREMIER CONCLUDED THAT SECRETARY GENERAL SHOULD BE AWARE OF DANGER OF CYPRUS ISSUE BECOMING "NEW AND WORSE PALESTINE" SINCE GREEK SIDE DOES NOT INTEND TO ACCEPT ACCOMPLISHED FACTS WHICH TURKS ARE TRYING TO BRING ABOUT IN CYPRUS.

3. WALDHEIM'S INITIAL REMARKS WERE THAT HE CONVEYED TO GREEK LEADERS IMPRESSIONS OF HIS TALKS IN ANKARA AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF ACHIEVEING PROGRESS IN FIELD OF NEGOTIATIONS. WALDHEIM CAUTIOUSLY ADDED THAT WHILE ASPECTS OF A FRESH EFFORT AT NEGOTIATIONS WERE TOUCHED ON DURING HIS TALKS IN ATHENS AND ANKARA IT WAS PREMATURE TO COMMENT ON WHAT RESULT OF SUCH EFFORTS WOULD BE. WALDHEIM SKIRTED QUESTIONS SEEKING HIS COMMENT ON TURKISH ATTITUDES AND POSITIONS. ASKED ABOUT LIKELIHOOD OF SANCTIONS AGAINST TURKEY UNDER ARTICLE 41 OF UN CHARTER, WALDHEIM REPLIED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS POINT WITH TURKISH GOVERNMENT AND THAT IT WAS UP TO SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO DECIDE ON WHAT FURTHER ACTION TO TAKE.

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